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PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 4 and 16 August 1951

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1. On 4 August 1951, an officer was observed instructing a unit of 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, at the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne in the Rehagen-Klausdorf (N 53/Z 31) area. Three 76.2-mm AT guns were seen in front of the garages of the installation. Two 85-mm AT guns were observed in the section of the billeting area on the other side of the railroad line. Trucks seen moving through the barracks gate [REDACTED]

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2. On 16 August, intensive drill and physical training with about 50 officers and 350 BM were observed at the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne. About 100 soldiers were seen in the billeting area on the other side of the railroad line to assemble for mess call in the evening. Three 100-mm AT guns and 2 model ZIS-3 AT guns mounting a subcaliber tube were noticed in the billeting area. [REDACTED]

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3. On 16 August, the Schumka Kaserne at Sperenberg had apparently not been reoccupied by the unit previously quartered there. A total of 280 troops were seen practicing with a T-34/35 tank in the area between Schumka Lake and Heege Lake. The troops were organized into tank crews which alternated in operating the tank. Three more T-34/35 tanks were observed in the billeting area. A German living nearby stated that four tanks arrived at the installation in the afternoon of 15 August. Truck [REDACTED] occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and towing a model ZIS-3 AT gun, left the installation, and [REDACTED] No activities were observed in the driving-school training area at Fauler Lake. **

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4. An engineer unit of 14 officers and about 230 men was loaded on a train of 13 boxcars at the Sperenberg railroad station in the afternoon of 16 August.

5. [REDACTED]

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* **Comment.** The occupation of the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne appears to have remained unchanged since a report of 17 July 1951 by the two sources of the present report. See [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in the present report belong to headquarters units of the Third Gds Mecz Army and to the SCC.

** **Comment.** The engineer unit, probably the unidentified engineer regiment of the Third Gds Mecz Army, which is carried in the Schumka Kaserne, left for Wittenberg on 26 April 1951.

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See [REDACTED]. The present report confirms the continued absence of this unit which another report from Wittenberg indicated as staying at the engineer training site near Labetz. See [REDACTED]. Tanks in the Sperenberg-Kummersdorf area have to date been observed only in the Panzer Kaserne at the Kummersdorf artillery range which also houses a tank repair shop, probably of the Third Gds Mecz Army. See [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] mentioned in the present report, belongs to the 22d Gds Btz Rifle Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div from Wittenberg. The appearance of the vehicle from Wittenberg, and the first observation of tanks after 15 August 1951 indicates the possibility that the two trains which left Wittenberg for Sperenberg on 15 and 16 August 1951, carried components of the 6th Gds Tank Div rather than elements of the engineer regiment of the Third Gds Mecz Army. See [REDACTED]

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*** **Comment.** Possibly recruits of the unidentified engineer regiment of the Third Gds Mecz Army who were shipped to the engineer training site at Labetz near Wittenberg. [REDACTED]

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also believed the troops observed in the Schumka Kaserne on 17 July 1951 to have been engineer recruits. See [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. The driving-school trucks belong to the GOFG and were probably observed primarily at the barracks installation on the south side of the Pappel Allee, Potsdam. This observation verifies to some extent a report of early July 1951 [REDACTED] that the barracks installation in Potsdam was being vacated. See [REDACTED]

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